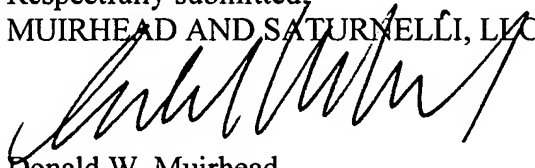


### REMARKS

In this preliminary amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1-20 from those presented in the attached English translation of PCT International application PCT/EP2004/011913 (of which the present application is a 371 US National Stage application) and added new claims 21-23 to clarify that which Applicants consider to be the invention. Further, Applicants has amended the specification for purposes of clarification. Applicant respectfully submits that the new claims are fully supported by the originally-filed specification and that the amendments to the specification do not add new subject matter.

Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (508) 898-8603.

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